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Applicants: Shantanu V. Kaushikkar et al.

Examiner: Patrick L. Edwards

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**Title: System, Method, and Computer
Software Product for Grid Alignment
Of Multiple Scanned Images**

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INTERVIEW SUMMARY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.133

Dear Examiner Edwards:

This Interview Summary is hereby submitted in connection with the personal interview held on July 20, 2004, in regard to the above-referenced application. In attendance were applicant's representatives William R. McCarthy III, and Philip L. McGarrigle, and Examiners Leo Boudreau and Patrick L. Edwards.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiners for conducting the above interview to discuss the present invention. During the interview, Applicant's representative, Mr. McCarthy, described the invention with respect to a DRAFT response to the Office Action mailed May 6, 2004 that was faxed to Examiner Edwards in advance of the personal interview. Unfortunately, the fax transmission was not received by the Examiner prior to the interview.

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Specifically, Mr. McCarthy argued that a proposed amendment to the independent claims that include the limitations of "a user selection of feature size" is not described in the Shams et al. reference (U.S. Patent Serial No. 6,349,144) applied in the rejection made under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). In particular, Mr. McCarthy argued that Shams et al. does not include description of the size of probe features arrayed on a substrate. Further, Mr. McCarthy argued that probe feature size would not be obvious from the description in Shams et al. Mr. McCarthy pointed to the disclosure of Shams et al. that includes a user selection of a number of rows and columns within an area defined by a user selection of corners, and explained that probe feature size would not be obvious in light of the description due to variables such as inter-feature spacing that is independent of feature size.

The Examiners stated that the features of the described invention were not clearly reflected in the claimed limitations, in particular expressing that the term "feature" needs to be more clearly defined, further stating that the term could have a broad meaning in its current form.

Applicant's representatives also presented references to be submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement for discussion, in particular Winkler et al. (U.S. Patent Serial No. 6,040,193) and Yakhini et al. (U.S. Patent Serial No. 6,591,196) were discussed. Applicant's representatives asserted that none of the presented references anticipate the pending claims.

It is believed that no fee is required for the submission of this response. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 01-0431.

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